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PRESIDENT: The Legislature will please come to order. Would all Senators please return to the Chamber. Would you kindly record your presence. Have you recorded your presence? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We're still on General File. Do you have anything to read into the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a Reference Report from the Reference Committee referring LB 676 thru LB 698 to respective committees. That's all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We'll commence with LB 431.

CLERK: I have two new bills, Mr. President. (Read title to LB 699 and 700.)

PRESIDENT: Now I think we're ready for LB 431. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 431.) There are committee amendments by Senator Anderson's Miscellaneous Subjects Committee.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'll tell everything in one statement. Then anybody who has questions for clarification can ask them at that time. The amendment, basically, tells what the purpose of the bill is. The amendment declares, and it's in your book, that what is going to be required in the way of identification is a color photograph. The fingerprint portion -- you could retain it if you want to, but it doesn't have to be retained. The photograph is for the purpose of drawing an absolute identification between the person who pawns the goods ... well an association between the pawnbroker and the goods. A pawnbroker and many people who pawn have the relationship of fence and thief. I'm going to tell you how these things can operate. If I'm a pawnbroker and you're my thief, first of all you're not going to steal unless you have some place to sell the goods. I'm required by law right now to keep a book that describes the goods, the amount of money that I give and your name and address. So you come to me and you say "My name is Abraham Lincoln and I live at 100 Pennsylvania Avenue". Well that's an honest name, that's a reputable address, so I'll give you \$100 for this television set that you brought to me. In reality, since you're my thief I'd give you \$50 for having stolen it. Then I write in my book that it was \$100 that I gave you. Then on a chance that the owner goes around these pawn shops to see whether or not his or her goods may be there and finds this television set, then that person is required to give me the \$100 that I claim that I gave to you before they can reclaim the goods which are theirs in the first place.